

REMARKS

Claim 163 has been amended to recite that the material is an addition polymer, not a condensation polymer. This recitation of condensation polymer in claim 163 is in error and is duplicative of claim 145. The novelty and unobviousness of the claim has not changed since the fine fiber layer containing a polymer and a hydrophobic additive has been established to be patentable in earlier Actions. No new search is required since the use of either a condensation polymer or an addition polymer has been clearly searched by the Examiner. Applicants apologize for the late notice of this error, however, Applicants request that the amendment be entered at this time since its error was not noticed by the Applicants or the Examiner previously.

Respectfully submitted,

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